

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chairman Mike Jopek, on March 17, 2009 at 11:31
A.M., in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Jopek, Chairman (D)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Julie French, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Russell Bean (R)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Timothy Furey (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. Keith Regier (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. David Howard (R)
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)

Staff Present: Todd Everts, Legislative Branch
Marshall McEwen, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 20, 3/10/2009

Executive Action: HB 548, HB 415

HEARING ON SJ 20

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:41 Sen. Bob Story (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on
SJ 20, Urge Congress to legalize industrial hemp.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:06 Rep. Bob Bergren, HD 33, Havre

00:03:36 Angela Goodhope, Montana Hemp Council

[EXHIBIT \(agh59a01\)](#)

00:08:57 Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union

00:12:56 Tom Daubert, Director, Patients and Families United

[EXHIBIT \(agh59a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:13 Rep. Butcher

00:18:29 Sen. Story

00:19:03 Rep. Butcher

00:19:12 Mr. Christiaens

00:20:01 Rep. Butcher

00:21:04 Mr. Christiaens

00:21:16 Ms. Goodhope

00:22:34 Rep. Regier

00:22:50 Sen. Story

00:23:01 Rep. Regier

00:23:04 Sen. Story

00:23:12 Rep. Dickenson

00:23:41 Ms. Goodhope

00:24:29 Rep. Dickenson

00:25:10 Ms. Goodhope

00:25:52 Rep. Hoven

00:26:11 Ms. Goodhope

00:28:08 Rep. Wagner

00:30:12 Sen. Story

00:32:24 Rep. Wagner

00:33:26 Sen. Story

00:34:19 Rep. Randall
00:34:39 Ms. Goodhope
00:35:10 Rep. Belcourt
00:35:24 Mr. Christiaens
00:35:46 Rep. Belcourt
00:36:00 Mr. Christiaens
00:36:29 Rep. Belcourt
00:36:34 Mr. Christiaens
00:36:45 Rep. Taylor
00:36:55 Sen. Story
00:37:19 Rep. Warburton
00:37:37 Sen. Story
00:37:47 Chairman Jopek

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:53 Sen. Story
00:38:54 Chairman Jopek

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 548

00:40:15 **Motion:** Rep. Fleming moved that **HB 548 DO PASS.**

00:40:49 **Motion:** Rep. Taylor moved that **HB 548 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(agh59a03)

Discussion:

00:41:10 Rep. Taylor
00:42:20 Rep. Fleming
00:42:34 Rep. Butcher
00:43:41 Rep. Hoven and Rep. Belcourt exited the room.
00:43:59 Rep. Bean
00:44:22 Rep. Taylor
00:44:32 Rep. Bean
00:44:44 Rep. Taylor
00:44:54 Rep. Bean
00:45:18 Rep. Taylor
00:46:01 Rep. Bean
00:46:53 Rep. Randall
00:48:15 Rep. Taylor
00:48:20 Rep. Fleming
00:48:37 Rep. Butcher
00:49:00 Rep. Fleming
00:49:20 Rep. Butcher
00:49:24 Rep. Fleming
00:49:39 Rep. Taylor

00:51:19 **Vote:** Motion failed 10-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Belcourt, Rep. Caferro, Rep. Dickenson, Rep. Fleming, Rep. French, Rep. Furey, Rep. Jopek, Rep. MacDonald, Rep. McClafferty, and Rep. Roundstone voting aye. Rep. Howard, Rep. Kerns, Rep. Hoven, and Rep. Belcourt voted by proxy.

00:52:39 Rep. Taylor

00:52:53 Chairman Jopek

00:52:59 **Motion:** Rep. Fleming moved that **HB 548 BE AMENDED. EXHIBIT (agh59a04)**

Discussion:

00:53:08 Chairman Jopek

00:53:20 Rep. Fleming

00:53:59 Chairman Jopek

00:54:04 Rep. French

00:54:27 Rep. Taylor

00:54:57 Mr. Everts, Legislative Services Division

00:55:39 Rep. French

00:56:35 Chairman Jopek

00:56:43 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Howard, Rep. Kerns, Rep. Hoven, and Rep. Belcourt voted by proxy.

00:57:11 **Motion:** Rep. Fleming moved that **HB 548 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:57:19 Rep. Taylor

00:57:36 Mr. Everts

00:58:02 Rep. Wagner

00:59:19 Rep. Warburton

01:00:30 Rep. Fleming

01:00:47 Rep. Belcourt entered the room.

01:02:11 Rep. Bean

01:02:59 Rep. Butcher

01:03:14 Rep. Caferro

01:03:23 Rep. Butcher

01:03:28 Chairman Jopek

01:03:44 Rep. Butcher

01:08:13 Chairman Jopek

01:08:25 Rep. MacDonald

01:09:29 Rep. Dickenson

01:11:33 Rep. Bean

01:11:55 Rep. Taylor
01:13:33 Rep. Wagner
01:13:55 Mr. Everts
01:14:10 Rep. Wagner
01:15:55 Chairman Jopek

01:16:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Bean, Rep. Butcher, Rep. Howard, Rep. Kerns, Rep. Randall, Rep. Regier, Rep. Wagner, and Rep. Warburton voting no. Rep. Howard, Rep. Kerns, and Rep. Hoven voted by proxy.

01:17:09 Chairman Jopek
01:17:26 Rep. Taylor
01:17:38 Chairman Jopek
01:17:47 Mr. Everts
01:18:02 Chairman Jopek

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 415

01:18:24 **Motion:** Rep. MacDonald moved that **HB 415 DO PASS.**

01:18:37 **Motion:** Rep. MacDonald moved that **HB 415 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(agh59a05)

Discussion:

01:18:49 Rep. MacDonald
01:22:08 Rep. Randall
01:23:18 Chairman Jopek

01:23:22 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Bean, Rep. Randall, Rep. Taylor, Rep. Wagner, and Rep. Warburton voting no. Rep. Howard, Rep. Kerns, and Rep. Hoven voted by proxy.

01:24:24 **Motion:** Rep. MacDonald moved that **HB 415 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:24:35 Chairman Jopek
01:24:44 Rep. Furey
01:25:08 Rep. MacDonald
01:25:38 Rep. Regier
01:25:54 Chairman Jopek
01:26:01 Rep. Wagner
01:27:16 Mr. Everts
01:28:55 Rep. Wagner

01:29:37 Mr. Everts

01:30:14 Rep. Randall

01:31:40 Chairman Jopek

01:31:48 Rep. Warburton

01:32:54 Rep. MacDonald

01:34:51 Chairman Jopek

01:34:54 **Vote:** Motion failed 10-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Belcourt, Rep. Caferro, Rep. Dickenson, Rep. Fleming, Rep. French, Rep. Furey, Rep. Jopek, Rep. MacDonald, Rep. McClafferty, and Rep. Roundstone voting aye. Rep. Howard, Rep. Kerns, and Rep. Hoven voted by proxy.

01:35:53 Chairman Jopek

01:36:37 Rep. Wagner

01:37:04 Mr. Everts

01:37:52 Chairman Jopek

ADJOURNMENT

01:38:42 Adjournment: 1:09 p.m.

Marshall McEwen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([agh59aad.pdf](#))